

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Docket No.	: P21515)	Examiner Camie S. Thompson
Customer No.	: 7055)	Confirmation No. 3771
Filed	: October 16, 2001)	
Title	: THIN COMPOSITE LAMINATE AND USE THEREOF IN MAKING SPORTS ARTICLES, ESPECIALLY BOOTS)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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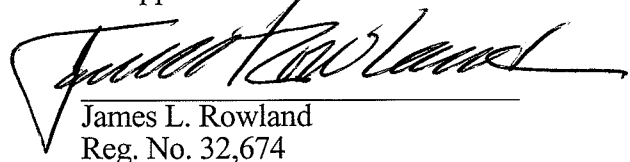
Sir:

This is in response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, set forth in an attachment to the Notice of Allowability (form PTOL-37), mailed September 12, 2007.

Although Applicants do not here express disagreement with the Examiner in his indication of reasons for allowance, Applicants note that the allowed claims recite a plurality of features and the patentability of the allowed claims should be considered to be based upon the totality of the features recited therein, *i.e.*, the invention should be "considered as a whole," as defining over the prior art. *See, e.g., Panduit Corp. v. Dennison Mfg. Co.*, 810 F.2d 1561, 1 USPQ2d 1593 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

For example, Applicants submit that the reasons for allowance do not preclude the existence of additional reasons that could be cited as supporting the patentability of the allowed claims, *i.e.*, independent claims as well as dependent claims.

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